

## **VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

### **NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

#### **MISSION**

*To enrich the lives of Virginians with disabilities by providing a VOICE for their concerns.*

The Board serves as the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council for addressing the needs of people with developmental disabilities as established and create under the federal “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act” and the state “Virginians with Disabilities Act.” Since 1992, the Board has been an independent state agency located within the Secretariat of Health and Human Resources. It is a supervisory board, which has autonomy over the use of its federal funding and the hiring of its staff. It serves as an advisory body to the Governor regarding the issues facing all people with disabilities in Virginia. The Board’s overall goal is to act as a catalyst for systems change through implementing its priority activities aimed at addressing the development of services, supports and other assistance that are family-centered and community-based.

#### **Board Membership**

Individuals achieve membership to the Board through appointments by the Governor. The Governor directly appoints Virginia citizens to fill 31 positions of the total 40 member Board specified in the “Virginians with Disabilities Act.” The remaining nine positions are filled by agency heads designated by the Act who serve on the Board by virtue of their position in state government. The Act permits seven of the nine agency heads to designate a person to represent them on the Board. Individuals directly appointed to the other 31 positions may not designate a substitute. Acceptance of a direct appointment to the Board is an express commitment to individually meet the responsibilities of membership.

Individuals are appointed to the Board to fill unexpired terms or for full four year terms. Individuals appointed to unexpired terms are eligible for additional appointments for two full terms. The Act limits service on the Board to two successive terms.

#### **Nominations for Board Appointments**

To seek a nomination for a Board appointment, please complete Section A & B on the attached form. In completing Section B., please be sure to check all of the positions for which you are eligible. The definition of “developmental disabilities,” as defined in the “Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act,” is provided at the end of the Appointment Information Form to assist you in completing this section as accurately as possible. Please also submit a brief biography or resume with your appointment nomination form.

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**APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FORM**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete Sections A & B. Be sure to attach a brief biography or resume with this completed form and return to: The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities, 202 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

**SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION B: POSITION(S) OF ELIGIBILITY**

The following is a list of appointment positions to the Board. Please check all for which you are eligible. (Please refer to the definition of “developmental disability” provided on the last page in completing this section.)

<b>Check If Eligible</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT POSITIONS</b>	<b>Number of Available Positions</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Person with developmental disabilities	Minimum of 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent or guardian of person with developmental disability	No Minimum number
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate relative or guardian of person with mentally impairing developmental disabilities	Minimum of 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate relative or guardian of an institutionalized person with a developmental disability	Minimum of 1

**Note:** The total number of people in the above positions must equal 24.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Person with disabilities other than developmental disabilities	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local governmental agency representative	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public transit interest representative	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-governmental service provider	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Manufacturing or retailing industry representative	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	High-technology industry representative	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Banking executive	1

## **DEFINITION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

Developmental Disability: A severe, chronic disability of a person 5 years of age or older which: is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments; is manifested before the individual attains the age of twenty-two; is likely to continue indefinitely; results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:

- (1) self-care
- (2) receptive and expressive language
- (3) learning
- (4) mobility
- (5) self-direction
- (6) capacity for independent living
- (7) economic self-sufficiency;

and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, supports, or other assistance that is lifelong or extended duration and is individually planned and coordinated; except that such term when applied to infants and young children, means individuals from birth to age 5, inclusive, who has substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are not provided.